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PROPOSED
ARTICLES OF UNION
BETWEEN THE
GRAND LODGES
OF
CANADA.

SUBMITTED FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE CRAFT,
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IN THE NAME OF T. G. A. O. T. U.

_____, for themselves, and on behalf of
"THE GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE
"AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF CANADA,"
being thereto constituted and empowered, of the one
part ;

AND

_____, for themselves, and on behalf of
"THE ANCIENT GRAND LODGE OF
"CANADA," of the same Fraternity, being thereto
constituted and empowered, on the other part ;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS :

1. There shall be, from and after the
next ensuing, a full, perfect and perpetual *Union* of and
between the Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons of
Canada above described, so as that in all times hereafter they
shall form and constitute one Community to be represented in
One Grand Lodge, to be solemnly formed, constituted and held
on the said _____ next ensuing, and from
thenceforward for ever.

2. There shall be the most perfect unity of obligation, dis-
cipline, and working of Lodges and Brethren, so that but one
pure and unsullied system, according to the genuine Land-

marks, Laws, and Traditions of the Craft, shall be maintained, upheld and practised throughout Canada, from and after the day of the said Union, till time shall be no more.

3. All proceedings of the Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted **Masons** above described, shall, on the day of the said Union, be declared valid, and be respectively ratified and confirmed.

4. On the day of the said Union, the Grand Lodges above described shall be solemnly proclaimed and declared to be incorporated and consolidated into one Community, by the Style and Title of "*The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada*,"—and, to prevent delay, the Senior Grand Master present shall, in the first place, be obligated, and shall nominate Grand Officers *pro tempore*, that the said Incorporated Grand Lodge may be formed, and the Incorporated Grand Lodge shall be opened forthwith in ample form, under the above Style and Title. The Members shall then proceed to the Election of a Grand Master and Grand Officers for the ensuing year,—to wit :

Deputy Grand Master ;

G. S. Warden ;

G. J. Warden ;

G. Chaplain ;

G. Treasurer ;

G. Registrar ;

and

G. Secretary, or Joint G. Secretaries ;

and also a

G. Tyler.

And the Grand Master elect shall then nominate the remaining Grand Officers,—to wit :

G. S. Deacon ;
 G. J. Deacon ;
 G. Supt. of Works ;
 G. Director of Ceremonies ;
 Asst. do. ;
 Asst. G. Secretary ;
 G. Sword Bearer ;
 G. Organist ;
 G. Pursuivant ;

and

—— Grand Stewards.

5. The Incorporated "*Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada*" shall be composed of a just and perfect representation of the whole Masonic Fraternity of Canada, to be defined by the Constitutions of the said Incorporated Grand Lodge.

6. All Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers belonging to the said respective Grand Lodges above described on the day of the said Union, shall retain and hold their rank and privileges in the Incorporated "*Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada*," as Past Grand Officers. Their precedence shall be decided by subsequent mutual agreement, and shall be duly registered ; and this shall be the order of precedence in all time to come. The Provincial and Past Provincial Grand Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodges of Montreal and William Henry, and of Quebec and Three-Rivers, shall be duly notified of the said Union, and

shall have the same right of rank and order of precedence, provided they declare allegiance to the said Incorporated Grand Lodge within after receiving such notice ; but after the expiration of the said , the said Provincial Grand Lodges shall not be recognized as lawful and constitutional in Canada.

7. The Representatives of the several Lodges shall sit in the Incorporated Grand Lodge, under their respective banners, according to seniority, which shall be determined by the dates of their original Charters. Each Lodge shall be re-numbered and registered in the books of the Incorporated Grand Lodge, and this shall for ever be the order and rank of the Lodges.

All existing Lodges in Canada, which do not, after having received due notice of the Union aforesaid, cause themselves to be registered as aforesaid, but which shall subsequently become enrolled, shall take rank after all the others, notwithstanding the dates of their respective original Charters. And after the expiration of from the day of the said Union, no Lodges assembling in Canada under Charters emanating from any Authority other than that of the Incorporated "*Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada*," shall be recognized as lawful and constitutional.

8. The Seal and Form of Charter of Lodges of the Incorporated Grand Lodge shall be the Seal and Form of Charter now in use by the Grand Lodge of the first part to these Articles, and known as "*The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada*."

9. The Incorporated Grand Lodge being constituted, the first proceeding, after solemn Prayer, shall be to read and proclaim the Act of Union, as previously executed and sealed with the Seal aforesaid ; after which the same shall be solemnly accepted by the Fraternity, and deposited in the Archives of the Incorporated Grand Lodge.

10. The Grand Master and Grand Officers elect, &c., shall, on the day of Union, be solemnly installed and invested.

11. The property of the said Grand Lodges above described shall constitute one common fund, by which the blessed effects of Masonic Benevolence may be the more extensively secured.

12. A revision shall be made, without delay, of the Rules and Regulations now established and in force in the Grand Lodges above described, and a Code of Laws for the holding of the Incorporated Grand Lodge, and generally for the whole conduct of the Craft, shall be forthwith prepared, and a new Book of Constitutions be composed and printed under the superintendence of the Grand Officers, and with the sanction of the Grand Lodge.

Done at _____, this _____ day of _____,
A. D. _____ and A. L. _____

(Signatures of the First Part.)

(_____ Do. Second Part.)

Ratified and confirmed in Grand Lodge this _____
day of _____, A. D. _____ and A. L. _____
and the Seal of the Incorporated Grand Lodge
affixed.

_____ G. M.

_____ G. Secy.

PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF CEREMONY OF UNION
AND INCORPORATION OF THE GRAND
LODGES OF CANADA.

The two Grand Lodges shall be opened in adjoining rooms, and shall form Processions and enter the Hall at the same time. The Lodges being previously seated therein, so that the Fraternity are completely intermingled. The Processions to advance to the Throne, and open and face each other. Music playing a March for the occasion. The two Grand Masters then proceed up the centre, followed by all in reversed order. The two Grand Masters to seat themselves in Chairs on each side of the Throne, and the other Brethren to take their respective places on each side also.

Prayer, by one of the Grand Chaplains.

The Act of Union to be read by the Director of Ceremonies.

Proclamation, by the other Grand Chaplain, who shall say :

“ HEAR YE !—This is the Act of Union in confirmation
“ of Articles solemnly concluded between the
“ Grand Lodges of Ancient Free and Accepted
“ Masons of Canada ; by which they are to be
“ hereafter and for ever known and acknow-
“ ledged by the Style and Title of “ *The Grand*
“ *Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons*
“ *of Canada.*” How say you, Brothers, Repre-
“ sentatives of the said Grand Lodges ? Do you
“ accept of, ratify and confirm the same ?”

Answer.—"We do accept of, ratify and confirm the same."

G. Chaplain.—"May The Great Architect of the Universe
"make the Union perpetual."

Answer.—"So mote it be!"

G. Dir. of Cers.—"Be it known to all men, that the Act of
"Union between the Grand Lodges of Ancient Free
"and Accepted Masons of Canada is solemnly signed,
"sealed, ratified and confirmed, and the said Bodies
"are incorporated and consolidated into one, to be from
"henceforth known and acknowledged by the Style
"and Title of '*The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free
"and Accepted Masons of Canada,*' and may The
"Great Architect of the Universe make their Union
"perpetual!"

Answer by all.—"Amen!"

One Grand Lodge to be now constituted, by the Senior Grand Master being obligated, ascending the Throne, and nominating Grand Officers *pro tempore*,—and declaring the Incorporated Grand Lodge to be open in ample form, under the above Style and Title.

Election of Grand Master and Grand Officers, and nomination of non-elective ones by the Grand Master elect—and Installation and Investiture of the same,—with the usual Proclamations, Grand Honors, &c., by the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Motions—Resolutions—and Notices of Motion.

Close the Grand Lodge in ample form, and with—

SOLEMN PRAYER.

BANQUET :

Commence it by passing round the *Cup of Brotherly Love*.
The Grand Master to drink first :

“Peace,—Good-Will,—and Brotherly Love, all over the
“World !”

While the cup is passing, the Brethren to sing :

“AULD LANG SYNE !”

CHEERS—Nine times nine !

